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Heartbreak

BRIAN O'Sullivan, from the Matilda petrol station on Gympie Rd, Bald Hills, is one of many across Pine Rivers cleaning up after this week's dramatic floods. The Matilda garage should reopen this weekend, but for others the recovery will take longer.

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Moreton Bay residents affected by this week's floods may be eligible for federal assistance.

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HELPING HANDS

Volunteering Queensland has a toll-free number for those interested in helping or donating goods and services in the wake of the floods. Phone 1800 994 100 or visit www.lccq.org.au.

A LONG WAIT

More than 300 homes were without power in the Bald Hills area from 1.30pm Wednesday afternoon. An Energex spokeswoman confirmed that it "could be days" before power is switched back on.

How to get help after flood ends

RESIDENTS affected by the floods may be eligible for help with food, clothing and accommodation as well as one-off cash payments and funding for repair work.

Small business owners hit by flood damage can also apply for state and federal government grants. The State Government's Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme offers referrals to a charity for immediate assistance, one-off payments of up to \$850 for families, and grants to replace household contents and subsidise repairs.

Phone the Department of Communities on 1800 173 349.

Those whose small businesses have sustained flood damage can apply for an immediate grant of up to \$5000, and a further \$20,000 to help with repairs.

Meanwhile Federal Member for Dickson Peter Dutton said flood victims in his electorate can apply for federal government cash payments through Centrelink.

Residents whose homes sustained major damage can apply for a \$1000 payment while a subsidy of up to \$500 per fortnight is available for

some who have lost income or business.

Mr Dutton said those who might be eligible for assistance should phone 180 22 66.

The Salvation Army and Red Cross are directing residents who have lost property to register with the Department of Communities on 1800 173 349.

Flood assistance grants and concessional loans for primary producers and small businesses have also been extended to most council areas in southern Queensland, including the Moreton Bay Regional Council area.

There are now 22 council areas and four partial council areas where primary producers and small businesses are eligible to receive grants for clean-up and flood recovery.

Concessional loans of up to \$250,000 have also been extended to small businesses and primary producers in extra additional areas.

Phone the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority on 1800 623 946 or go to www.qraa.qld.gov.au



WEATHER WOES: Flooding saw water from the North Pine River spill over the Petrie bridge.

Picture: NICK KUHN

Experts say more summer rains on the way

SOME long-overdue sunshine is heading our way, but the summer rains are far from over, according to the Bureau of Meteorology.

Today and tomorrow should see decreasing showers, with Sunday predicted to have the finest weather. Bureau of Meteorology senior forecaster Bryan Rolstone said that, while a thunderstorm was likely for Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Wednesday would be mostly fine.

However, Mr Rolstone said the heavy rains such as those seen on Tuesday were far from over.

"There will most likely be further rain events for the rest of January and into February," he said. "Usually, with this type of La Niña pattern, we see more rain than thunderstorms. It's usually monsoonal low pressure systems moving from the north ... with heavy rain ... very humid and just packed with moisture."



The extent of flooding in William St, Caboolture. Picture: BRAD COOPER

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COUNCIL UNDER FIRE



Moreton Bay Regional Council defends criticism over its handling of Tuesday's flood emergency.
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DRINKING WATER

Drinking water supplies in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area are safe, says water-supply authority Unitywater. The reassurance comes after reports that supplies in some flood-affected areas were unsafe to drink without being boiled.

UP NEXT: No time to beat rising water says Caboolture father.

PAGE 5: Residents count the cost of our devastating floods.

ONLINE: Photo galleries from the floods at questnews.com.au.

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INLAND SEA: High tide at Morayfield Rd, Caboolture, and (inset) an aerial view of Centenary Lakes.

Pictures: CHRIS HIGGINS, AGL ACTION RESCUE HELICOPTER

Evacuation advice chaos

RESIDENTS' ANGER: COUNCIL DEFENDS ACCUSATIONS OF LACK OF CRUCIAL INFORMATION IN FLOOD WARNINGS

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MORETON Bay Regional Council has defended its actions in the wake of this week's devastating floods.

Frustrated residents used the *Times* website to criticise council, claiming it failed to deliver critical information when people in low-lying areas at Caboolture and Strathpine were told to evacuate at 11.21am Tues-

day. Many residents claim they were uncertain if they were in a low-lying area or not, while others said they had no idea where the evacuation centres were.

The situation was made worse by some media reporting that all Caboolture was to be evacuated after 400mm of rain was dumped on the Moreton Bay region catchments in 10 hours.

Mary wrote on the *Times'* website: "After getting a text

- 'Move to higher ground NOW'- my son in Caboolture River Rd at Morayfield Rd end, now says roads are cut off. Where do they go with a two-year-old and new-born? Or do they stay home?"

Linda Heeps said: "What are they classifying as low-lying. I am Caboolture River Rd, opposite Parkridge Drive. Am I in a 'low-lying' area?"

But Acting Local Disaster Management Committee

chairman Councillor Bob Millar said most people would have known if they were in a low-lying area.

Cr Millar said officially designating properties as low-lying could affect owners' chances of getting flood insurance.

Mayor Allan Sutherland defended council's response, saying evacuation centre locations were available by phoning council's call centre and on radio.

More than 250 people sought temporary relief at community facilities on Tuesday, including 33 King St and the Caboolture library, with about 40 people staying overnight at the Watson Park Convention Centre, Dakabin.

Preliminary reports have indicated that more than 80 properties were inundated by floodwaters in Caboolture, Narangba, Burpengary and Dayboro.

Sydney produce flown in

GREENGROCER Paul Macaron of Lawnton Country Markets says he may need to fly to Sydney produce markets to supply Pine Rivers residents.

Brisbane's Rocklea Markets are out of action after being inundated by floodwater.

"We have enough produce, maybe to the weekend," Mr Macaron said on Wednesday.

He said freighting produce from Sydney would add \$3-\$4 a box to the price of fruit and vegetables and would eat into profit margins.

"But we have to have fruit and vegetables for the people," he said.

Mr Macaron said the prices of staples such as potatoes, onions and pumpkin could rise substantially.

Independent retailers have assured customers there will be enough food for everyone in the coming days and weeks.

United Retail Federation national president Scott Driscoll said trucks delivered bulk food drops to IGAs, Foodworks and Spars across the Moreton Bay region yesterday.

He said while fresh milk, bread and produce would continue to be scarce because of the Queensland-wide floods, there was no need to panic.

"Don't get carried away and make sure you just buy your regular purchases, what you would normally buy over the next couple of days, so everyone gets a fair go," Mr Driscoll said.

A Woolworths spokesman said the retailer was increasingly concerned about stock levels in Queensland stores given the extent of road closures, supply issues and staff shortages.

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COUNTING THE COST



Families across the region, like the Hills of Caboolture, are now coming to terms with the impact of Tuesday's floods.

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NERVE CENTRE SET UP AT CABOOLTURE

An emergency management centre was set up at Moreton Bay Regional Council's Caboolture office on Tuesday morning when authorities became aware of the flood threat. The Caboolture District Disaster Management Co-ordination Centre has been manned by personnel from agencies such as the police, council, SES, Community Safety Department, Queensland Fire and Rescue and the Queensland Ambulance Service. It has co-ordinated information and work to crews in the field.

No time to beat the rising water

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THE warning came too late for Paul Hill and his young family.

Watching from the balcony of their rented home in the Caboolture Caravan Park in the early hours of Tuesday, Mr Hill and his young family saw the Caboolture River rise with frightening speed.

There was little time for preparations.

"We've lost everything," he said.

"We stayed with a friend last night and I just couldn't sleep."

Mr Hill, his fiancee Angela, son Michael, nine weeks, and daughter Caitlyn, 18 months, moved some valuables as high as possible and packed the car to evacuate.

By 9am, the water was lapping at their front steps. Thirty minutes later, their



MOVING ON: Paul Hill with his daughter Caitlyn at the Caboolture Caravan Park.

home and belongings were lost.

When Mr Hill received an SMS alert on his mobile phone to evacuate, his house was already underwater.

He is unsure of his plans for the future, and is con-

sidering moving to Mackay with family until the clean-up has finished.

Twenty homes in the Caboolture Caravan Park suffered significant damage in Tuesday's flooding, with his among the worst.

Power was cut to the park at noon on Tuesday.

John McKeown, who has lived at the caravan park for 13 years, said water rose in less than 30 minutes.

"We just couldn't beat it," he said.

Fellow resident Bill Austin counted himself "among the lucky ones", with about 10cm of water flowing into his home.

"My beer's warm and the TV doesn't work but I'm alive," Mr Austin said.

Despite the damage, spirits among the residents were high, with the community banding together in their hour of need.

Boat ferries for street swamp



LINING UP: Grace Wight measures up to the 2011 water level. The yellow line was the 2009 flood level.

THE SES used flood boats to evacuate residents of Dale St, Burpengary, on Tuesday afternoon as Burpengary Creek inundated the street.

More than 1m of silt-laden water consumed the lower level of houses and came close to the upper level of some.

Earlier in the day, one family managed to get their baby to safety by taking it by boat to their back fence, cutting through it, and reaching the next street.

Michelle Wight praised the SES for getting them out but said they were left with nowhere to go when the community hall, which the SES said was open for evacuees, was actually closed.

Mrs Wight said they eventually found a church in Pitt Rd that was taking in evacuees and they were looked after there until friends offered them accommodation.

"They were brilliant," Mrs Wight said.

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SWAMPED IN AN HOUR



Lawnton residents watched their houses go under in barely an hour on Tuesday.
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HELP OFFERED

MAYOR Allan Sutherland has offered assistance to Ipswich and Brisbane via the Local Government Association of Queensland. The local flood response will not be affected by the offer.



UP NEXT: SES services under the hammer.



PAGE 8: Reader anger over council response.



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Families forced to flee

WATER TORTURE: LOCALS ESCAPED WITH VALUABLES AS THE WATERS ROSE

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RESIDENTS in Wade Court, Lawnton, have spoken of the shocking speed that flood waters rose on Tuesday.

Three homes at 10, 12 and 14 had to be evacuated, with Joe Rate, from number 10, telling how the situation became out of control in just 60 minutes.

"It was a bit surreal, unexpected," Mr Rate said.

"It came up by a metre in an hour."

With the house flooded, the family grabbed essentials and mementos and went to stay with friends at Geebung.

Mr Rate returned to chaos at lunchtime on Wednesday, after the floodwater had subsided.

"Fridges were floating in the loungeroom and beds were all over the place," he said.

The house and its contents were insured.

Neighbour Graham Bishop also evacuated on Tuesday.

"I received a phone call at work at 11am saying there could be a problem," Mr Bishop said.

His wife Kathy and son Tim, 22, were at home, along with the family dog.

"We started to see water rising at 12.30pm and by 3pm the house was gone."

The family left with the clothes they were wearing, a couple of bags of personal belongings and photo albums.

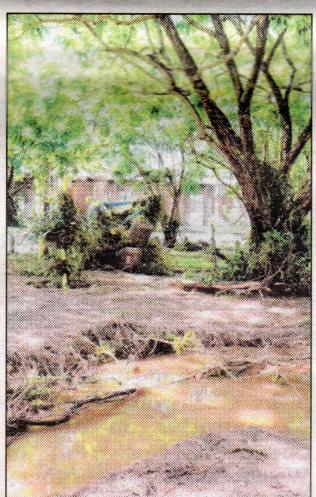
He returned to his home on Wednesday to survey the damage.

"We lost everything inside except the TVs."

Mr Bishop was unsure of his insurance cover but said: "We've got our lives, that's the main thing."



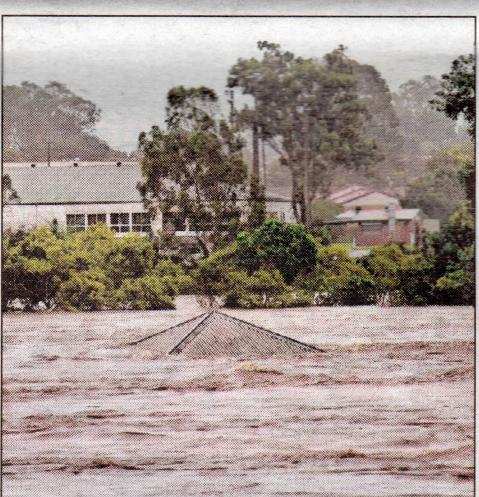
WAIST DEEP: Homeowner Joe Rate recovers valuables from his flooded home in Wade Crt, Lawnton. Pictures: RUSSELL BROWN



DESTRUCTIVE FORCE: Flood destruction and debris in Wyllie Park, Lawnton.



KEEPING SAFE: Homeowner Kathy Bishop with kids Michael and Jack and neighbour Cimarra Reilly in the water outside their flooded home in Wade Crt, Lawnton.



RUNNING DEEP: Only the roof of a picnic shelter in Sweeney Reserve at Petrie shows above the flooded Pine River.

Warnings save servo equipment



AWASH: The Matilda Service Station goes under.

THE Matilda Service Station on Gympie Rd at Strathpine was just one of dozens of Moreton Bay region homes and businesses inundated by floodwaters on Tuesday.

Thanks to police warnings staff were able to move their office equipment to higher ground just hours before the waters peaked.

Matilda Fuel Supplies general manager Garth Anderson said employees began clearing out equipment at 3pm and the water reached the fuel station at 5.30pm.

By 10pm the water had reached its peak, with 15.2cm in the Matilda shop.

"It's the first time I've seen this in my 10 years here," Mr Anderson said.

Staff spent yesterday washing mud out of the premises.

"Luckily we didn't lose the computers or paperwork, which we were able to move to higher ground," he said.

He said the petrol supply was unaffected and expected to reopen today.

Council alert

MORETON Bay Regional Council urges residents to avoid the floodwater as it may hide debris or sewage.

It said drivers should not try to traverse creek crossings that were under water.

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- Redcliffe - 261 Duffield Road, Clontarf

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For further details on council's waste facilities or disposal and recycling options see Moreton Bay Regional Council's website at www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

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SES INUNDATED

SES services were under extreme pressure as the flood hit earlier this week.
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NO FUEL SHORTAGE

THE Queensland Police Service reported yesterday that despite some reports to the contrary, there was currently no fuel shortage affecting Brisbane suburbs in the aftermath of Tuesday's floods. For more information, visit www.police.qld.gov.au.

DONATE BLOOD

THE Strathpine Red Cross Blood Service collection centre on Gympie Rd re-opened on Wednesday and is taking donations as normal. Phone 13 14 95 for further information.

ROOFTOP RESCUES

TWO AGL Action Rescue Helicopters were called to four separate rescues in the Caboolture and Morayfield areas on Tuesday during the floods. Four people were pulled off rooftops in Caboolture in two separate rescues.

TIPS STAY OPEN

ALL waste facilities in the region will be open seven days a week, 7am to 5pm, until Sunday, January 23. This includes facilities at Ningi, Upper Caboolture, Wamuran, Woodford, Samford and Dayboro which do not usually operate seven days for extended hours. Phone 3205 0555 or visit council's website www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au for further information.

MEDICAL FLIGHTS

The AGL Action Rescue helicopters carried two people from Kilcoy on Tuesday to the Caboolture Hospital for medical treatment. One man was suffering from a cardiac condition and was treated by paramedics during the flight. The same crews also transported a man who had recently undergone a kidney transplant and who was running out of the required medication.



HELPING HAND: Volunteers do their best to keep the water at bay on Redbank Rd at Clontarf.

SES faces hard times ahead

MORETON Bay Region SES volunteers were stretched to breaking point on Tuesday, making 640 rescues and handing out 15,000 sandbags.

The decision was made to respond to rescue and evacuation calls only, with 640 residents needing urgent help.

SES volunteers made several life-saving rescues after people became trapped in cars at Kobble Creek, Burpengary, Beachmere and Caboolture.

No assistance was available from surrounding SES regions.

Speaking to *The Northern Times* from the Caboolture co-ordination centre, an exhausted Moreton Bay SES local controller Brendan Guy said nobody there had

seen anything like it.

"The biggest thing with this is that it came so quick. We had no time to prepare ... the onslaught began from 9am (Tuesday) and it was really just a total deluge," he said.

"For King St (Caboolture) to be flooded up the top is just amazing. Things eased off at about 11pm on Tuesday night. I had to stand crews down who were absolutely exhausted."

With the immediate threat over, SES volunteers are concentrating on isolated communities west of Woodford, such as Stoney Creek and Sandy Creek.

Mr Guy said response, not recovery, was still the priority for the SES. "Recovery will come later," he said.

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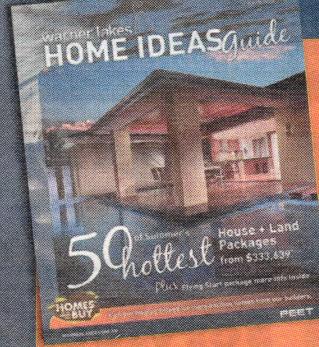
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Residents say there was not enough emergency information coming from council on Tuesday.

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CHILDREN CAUGHT UP IN FLOOD CARNAGE

AN AGL Action Rescue Helicopter was called to assist a two-year-old with head injuries at Caboolture on Tuesday, but ambulance crews managed to reach the child before the helicopter arrived. The helicopter was also called to assist a 12-year-old who had sustained head injuries at Morayfield, but ambulance crews were also able to reach the child before the helicopter arrived.

Anger at council response

RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED ANGER AND FRUSTRATION TOWARD MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, CITING A LACK OF INFORMATION AT THE HEIGHT OF TUESDAY'S FLOODS IN CABOOLTURE AND STRATHPINE. HERE IS WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAID ONLINE AT QUESTNEWS.COM.AU

I HAVE found MBRC completely useless – I know more about what is happening in Ipswich and inner Brisbane, thanks to the fantastic amount of useful information they are providing, than I do about my own suburb!

Zoe
I'M an MBRC employee and we received absolutely no information about the flood risk in Caboolture – you would expect at least an internal email or two.

Anon

I AGREE the information provided by MBRC has been inexcusably bad so far. I live in the Pine Rivers area and though the news is full of info about where, when and how high water levels will be in Brisbane, we're getting absolutely nothing of the sort here.

Tom
I AGREE with Ken, thank goodness for the media details we have had



RAGING SIGHT: People watch the fast-flowing Pine River surge under the rail bridge.

from other "leaders" because I have found it difficult to get any information from our local ones. If you can't handle a region, give the job to someone else.

Sophia
QLD isn't just about Brisbane CBD and Ipswich. We are being told to be prepared, without knowing how we are going to be affected with the

water and electricity how can we prepare? Moreton Bay Council – we pay high enough rates ... Start earning them.

Paula Ridsdale

IT is good to know that we can rely on the local paper to supply us with the information we require at this time unlike the council who have been frustratingly absent during in

this major weather event.

Aaron R.

TO most of the outside world the Moreton Bay Regional Council do not exist. During this crisis, I have heard not one comment from them on the media regarding the floods.

Ken Hunt

More comments: www.questnews.com.au

ELLIOTT FULLER
Caboolture

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I have never seen anything like this in my life. We are pretty good where we are, we are near drains but it is pretty good.



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I've lived here for 16 years and this is just insane. Thank goodness we're safe.



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The Cartmil Centre Riding for Disabled at Burpengary is asking for volunteers to help clean up. No horses were injured in the flood. The clean up begins at 9am tomorrow at 85 Kilkenny Drive, Burpengary

REGISTRATION CALL

Authorities are reminding people who have been evacuated due to the floods to register with the National Registration and Inquiry System. Visit www.redcross.org.au or complete the forms at evacuation centres.

BUSINESSES HURT

Preliminary reports from Martin Jonkers Motors on Morayfield Rd indicate that 72 vehicles were ruined in the flood, while many business adjacent to the Morayfield Shopping Centre were inundated.

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Residents go online for help and comfort

PANIC SWEEPED THROUGH MANY PARTS OF THE MORETON BAY REGION WHEN RESIDENTS IN LOW-LYING AREAS OF CABOOLTURE AND STRATHPINE WERE ORDERED TO EVACUATE AT 11.21AM ON TUESDAY. IN A DESPERATE BID FOR LOCAL INFORMATION, RESIDENTS TURNED TO THE INTERNET. HERE IS WHAT THEY SAID AT QUESTNEWS.COM.AU

HAS anyone heard from Chris Pink (my Dad) in Cedarvale Road off of Sandy Creek Rd? We heard from him on Monday and know the bridge out there has been washed away. Energex says power has been restored out there but people have to make sure surge switches are still on. If anyone can get this message to him it would be greatly appreciated. Good luck up there and stay safe.

Shannon Pink

I'M close to a very full Lake Kurwongbah and have been looking for info about the elevation of my property.

Judi

JUST moved to the area.



FLOOD CRISIS: Resident Craig Leonard watches floodwater engulf the Caboolture Caravan Park.

Does anyone know if Narangba near the ambulance station is prone to flooding?

Brett Lamont

DOES anybody know if areas such as Bellmere are to be evacuated? We have had the SES texts come through but have not heard anything more.

WHAT streets are considered low-lying areas? We have a two-week-old child here and we need to know whether to evacuate or not.

Jessica Ryder

DOES anyone know how a person can get out of Bellmere? My pregnant fu-

Michael

ture wife and son are still there and I'm stuck at work and can not get to them.

Christian

CAN anyone tell me if Matthew Crescent, Burpengary is okay? I have a granddaughter there with two young kids, a horse and two dogs.

Concerned Grandma

AS a resident of Caboolture, all I can recommend is if you have somewhere to go, better to be safe than sorry. My husband and I have left our house near Caboolture High School as a precaution, as Dux Street is flooded and Lower King Street has water across it.

Nicole

WE are in Fowler Drive, Caboolture south (near the river) and my partner is at home. Apparently the river rose nearly to the road but is on its way down now. Hoping that it will not get any higher, or our house will go under. We need to know these flood levels as we thought we were on higher ground.

Bec Soric

WHERE can people evacuate to? Not a lot of people who now live in Caboolture and Strathpine know where the 1974 floods hit. They need to know where they can evacuate to if worried about rising water! Where are the safe spots?

Sunnygirl

I too live at Bellmere, don't know whether we should leave and if we should, where can we go as it is all flooded; anyone have any advice? Seems the river level has peaked?

Peter Gibson

I live in Morayfield down Michael Ave and our house gets flooded easy so we evacuated to my parents' place down Torrens Rd. Their house is close to the

Renae

ONCE this all comes to an end, MBRG need to let people know what areas constitute "low lying". No one is sure if they are in an area at risk or not. Instead of the usual in the council mailout, issue households with a map so everyone knows 1. The low-lying areas; 2. Areas of safety; 3. Identified evacuation centres; 4. Information where people can get help.

Joe

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Clubs count cost

NICK BERRETT
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CENTENARY Lakes clubs face months of cleaning and steep bills to recover after the sports complex was engulfed in the deluge this week.

While the complex resembled an inland sea on Tuesday, by Wednesday it was covered in mud, silt, broken fences and tree branches and dead fish.

Club officials surveyed the damage and started the clean up immediately.

Caboolture BMX Club president Phil Cooper said the flood was almost the final straw for the club, which had just finished paying off the \$30,000 resurfacing of the BMX track, which was now a silty ruin.

"We have lost everything. The canteen is gone, all the paperwork, memorabilia, all gone," he said. "We spent most of the club's money rebuilding the track and now we have lost the surface."

However, Mr Cooper was adamant the club would fight through the damage.

"It won't be the end of the club. We will just have to try and get some funds together and get things going," Mr Cooper said.

"We will keep going but we will need help to get this back up and running."

Caboolture Tennis Association had also just finished work on some of its courts, which were now covered in mud and debris.

Association manager Margaret Lusk said water had reached the top of the first floor of the club and destroyed everything in its path, including the court surfaces.

"I just don't know how we are going to get them clean," she said.

"We have lost everything and we are not insured. It is going to be a very lengthy exercise to clean up."

The Caboolture Little Athletics club's canteen was destroyed, including electrical equipment and food.

Centre manager Ray Totoro estimated the damages to be more than \$40,000.

"We will be cleaning this up for weeks," he said.



SURGE LEVEL: The tennis centre's Fred Gee shows the height of the water.



BMX club's Phil Cooper in the ruins of the club canteen.

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Dayboro recorded heaviest rainfall

ON Tuesday Dayboro had the heaviest falls in Pine Rivers, with 228mm falling during the day and evening, while in Caboolture Moorina had 217mm of rain in the 24 hours to 9am Wednesday.

Pine Rivers rainfall (mm) in the week to 9am Wednesday - rainfall between 9am Tuesday and 9am Wednesday:

Mt Glorious 812-230; Mt Nebo 519-145; Cedar Ck Rd 462-122; Samford 367-99; Samford Village 376-103; Clear Mountain 341-97; Drapers Crossing 328-87; Cash's Crossing 291-62; Normanby Way 310-48; Kluvers Lookout 579-191; Laceys Creek



CLEAN UP: Flood aftermath at Wyllie Park Lawnton.

612-188; Baxters Creek 576-195; Dayboro 680-228; Mt Samson Rd 585-149; North Pine Dam 269-68; Browns Creek 432-102; Lake Kurwongbah 282-71; Youngs Crossing

351-77; Strathpine 339-87; Petrie 269-55; Lawnton 320-48; John Bray Park 322-52; Murrumba Downs 308-40; Lipscombe Rd 273-46.

Caboolture rainfall (mm) in the week to 9am Wednesday - rainfall between 9am Tuesday and 9am Wednesday:

Narangba 429-102; Mt Mee 682-178; Mt Mee 382-179; Moorina 671-217; Burpengary (Rowley Rd) 154-3.0; Burpengary (Dale St) 361-68; Deception Bay 296-46; Round Mt Reservoir 562-88; Wamuran 757-182; Upper Caboolture 597-125; Morayfield 488-89; Bribie Island 270-22; Beerburum 466-180.

Floods struck in minutes

FLOODWATERS struck Dayboro on Tuesday, putting about 1m of water through some houses and shops.

Bradley St resident Joanne Hohns said the water went from a few inches to 1m in her house in about 10 minutes and was chest-deep over Bradley St.

Ms Hohns said the flow overturned a large freezer in

a shed and the family helped a walker to safety after he was trapped near the bowls club.

The centre of town had around 1m of water, with the IGA supermarket, although raised, having about 30cm of water in it.

Customer service manager Maria Hansen said people were served from the door

from Wednesday because of mud and damaged stock inside. They hoped to reopen fully some time today (Friday).

Moreton Bay Regional Council Mayor Allan Sutherland said there was an anxious time at council's Dayboro depot when a council worker was missing - but found 20 minutes later.

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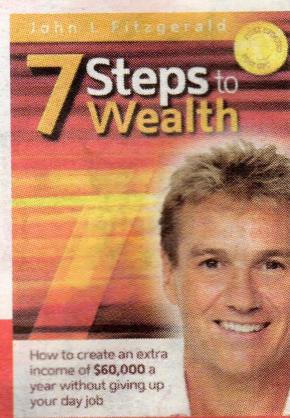
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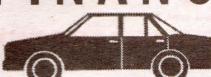
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"When given a difficult question it is quite acceptable to pause."

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The event attracted more than 180 cyclists, far more than expected, said club member Mick Wilkinson.

"For something that started out as 12-20 veterans to now this amount of cyclists, it has grown from an acorn into an oak," he said.

The club will host a second round this Saturday, from 8am.

Wilkinson said Hamilton Pine Rivers Wheelers were keen to host a criterium at Lakeside every month.

Quest photographer Brad Cooper caught some of the action.



CHAIN REACTION: More than 180 cyclists competed at the Hamilton Pine Rivers Wheelers race meet at Lakeside Raceway.



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Male seeking Female

GUY 28YO, S/S, S/D, DTE, GSOH, enjoys quiet nights, outdoor activities, dining out. WLTM lady 24-32YO, for friendship, possibly VTPR. **VMB19364**

SINGLE 38YO male, seeking female, for casual relationship, CRO; sincerely a must. **VMB19341**

GENTLEMAN, N/S, S/D, WLTM lady, 40-50YO, for friendship and outings, enjoys fishing, motor sports, BBQs and outdoor activities. **VMB19259**

INDIAN GUY, full time Chef. I'm ideally looking at meeting people for friendship and relationship. Genuine replies only. **VMB19256**

I AM 28YO half-time male, looking for same age female, 25-30YO, for long term relationship. **VMB19234**

FULLTIME CHEF enjoys, beach, movies, loves to relax, partying, S/D, WLTM lady for outings and friendship. **VMB19229**

BUSINESS MAN, 50s, seeks affectionate lady for love and marriage. Genuine replies only. **VMB19211**

57YO MALE, looking for no strings attached relationship with female, south side of Brisbane, Acacia Ridge way. **VMB19133**

TALL, FIT, mid 70s, N/S, S/D, well travelled, SBS devotee, non-religious linguist. WLTM soul mate **VMB19123**

DISCREET 55YO, honest, single male, slim, likes outdoor life. Mature nudist, seeking lady nudist. VTPR, fun times, age open, ARA. **VMB19097**

MALE SEEKS male for travelling companion and adult fun, accommodation and air fares paid for, no time wasters! 50YO+. **VMB19081**

50YO MALE seeking female, 60YO-70YO for friendship and outings. **VMB19030**

WLTM LOVING lady around 42YO+, I like company. **VMB19019**

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GENTLEMAN 51YO, likes fishing, S/D, S/D, quiet nights at home, WLTM attractive lady, 49-50YO, for companionship, VTPR. **VMB18978**

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NICKNAME: IGLOO47

60YO GENTLEMAN, honest, caring WLTM lady, 50-60YO, with similar views, likes dining out, beach, camping, travelling and music. F/F, VTPR. **VMB19346**

GENTLEMAN, MID 70s, active, N/S, S/D, slim, honest, affectionate, likes drives, movies, holidays, camping, DTE, WLTM cuddly, affectionate lady. **VMB19345**

SINGLE MAN, self employed, tall, youngish 56YO, N/S, S/D, N/G, WLTM stylish 45-55YO lady. **VMB19292**

BOWEN HILLS male seeking long term relationship with female. Brown eyes, short black hair, 62". **VMB19286**

GREG, LOVES outdoors, quite times at home, seeking open minded female, VTPR. I'm a single father of one. **VMB19281**

PROFESSIONAL, LATE 50, active, N/S, S/D, enjoys finer things in life, seeking slim, petite lady, age 40s/early 50s. **VMB19278**

SINGLE MALE, early 50s, lives north side, works fulltime, various interests, seeking lady, 40-50YO, medium build, for fun times, VTPR. **VMB19232**

GENTLEMAN, MATURE, caring, F/S, N/S, well travelled, spontaneous country explorer/adventurer, seeks cuddly lady, mutual loving support, affectionate, fulfilling, respectful relationship. **VMB19227**

NICE GUY seeking friendly female, for causal relationship, N/S, S/D. **VMB19226**

HEY IT'S Rocky here, just looking for friendship yet, I love to go clubbing and beach. **VMB19225**

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BRISBANE, MOUNT Gravatt, 57YO guy, fit, good body, average looks, DTE, seeking bisexual lady, 40-50YO, for genuine friendship, nationality open. **VMB18875**

GENUINE, DTE, 55YO, own house, 61", N/S, S/D, family values, loves pett, looking for petite, soft, caring lady. **VMB18872**

WELL PRESENTED, 61YO guy, 5'11", blue eyes, N/S, S/D, seeks slim to medium lady, over 54", for friendship, VTPR. **VMB18856**

43YO MALE, honest, loves life, seeks Thai/Vietnamese or Japanese lady 25-35YO enjoys movies, motorcycles, fitness, friendship, VTPR. **VMB18845**

NICKNAME: MB67

57YO, DTE, 55YO, own house, 61", N/S, S/D, enjoys most things, gym, movies, travel, home cooking. **VMB18824**

SOUTH SIDE lady, in 70s, doesn't want to spend life alone, seeking girl similar age and must be healthy. **VMB19329**

55YO IMPOTENT guy 6'0", slim, well groomed, seeks slim guy for fun times. **VMB19118**

50YO LADY seeks fun loving man, no tattoos please, loves music, animals, going out, F/F, South Side preferred. **VMB19055**

18YO FEMALE, loves outtings, partying, obsessed with music. Interested in meeting someone for fun times, friendship, possibly more. **VMB18880**

MATURE WIDOW, professional, F/S, north side, VLTM, mature gent, N/S, S/D, enjoys most fine things, gym, movies, travel, home cooking. **VMB19244**

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LADY, SLIM, 55YO, N/S, D/O, VLTM male 54-65YO, N/S, N/G, intelligent, medium build, for CRO, no mobiles, Redcliffe. **VMB19070**

FIT BODY, pretty face, GSOH, lady into healthy lifestyle, seeks single 28YO-48YO, muscular, martial arts values. **VMB19180**

55YO HONEST, single male, slim, likes outdoor life, mature nudist, seeking lady nudist. VTPR, DTE, open ages. **VMB18938**

PROFESSIONAL 57YO, divorced, fit, F/S, enjoys travel, bushwalking, movies, country drives, gardening, reading, seeks lady with old fashioned values. **VMB18888**

55YO HONEST, single male, slim, likes outdoor life, mature nudist, seeking lady nudist. VTPR, DTE, open ages. **VMB18938**

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BOWLED OVER

Two former Caboolture cricketers have taken quite a shine to Twenty20 games.

FULL STORY BELOW

ATHLETICS CLOSED

THE Queensland Little Athletics office is closed until further notice. For more information, visit the website www.qlaa.asn.au. The Deception Bay Little Athletics club will host an open day carnival on February 20.

**HELP AT HAND**

THE Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program, providing one-off funding to assist clubs within areas declared under the Queensland Government Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, is now open. Visit www.sportrec.qld.gov.au.

Snakes skipper shows the way

CRICKET: Caboolture cricket is in safe hands – thanks to Wade Cromb.

The emerging second-grade Snakes team have lost just one game this season, which club president Steve Adams puts down to new captain Cromb.

"He has a positive approach, and he encourages the young kids," he said. "He's an inspiration talking it up with the young fellas."

Cromb said it had been an impressive summer after player numbers were down this season.

"(It's impressive) to see where they're at after the lead-up we had," he said.

Cromb, who started his cricket with Wamuran, said it was the job of second grade to help young players step up to the top team.

"Our goal is to develop guys to play first grade and to have established players (Gus Alexander, Clayton Mead) around to help them out," he said.

"It's probably my best summer – being in charge of the boys and the support you get from the club and the players



STEPPED UP: Caboolture cricketer Heath Cridland made his first-grade debut this season.

Picture: CHRIS HIGGINS

... people are willing to run through a brick wall for you," Cromb said.

He said young allrounder

Heath Cridland, who made his first-grade debut this season, had been a "shining light" as representative of

player development. Caboolture were scheduled to take on Caloundra in the return of two-day cricket tomorrow.

The second-grade team narrowly missed the one-day final after last weekend's washout.

Narangba United Football Club

Narangba United Football Club are proud to announce that our Senior Men's team have been promoted to Premier Division 2 for the 2011 season

TRAINING

Training for the Division 2 team and the Division 2 Reserves team is every Tuesday and Thursday 7pm starting January, at Harris Avenue.

METRO DIVISION

We also intend to play a team in the Metro Division So all players interested are most welcome to turn up.

SENIOR WOMENS

Our Senior Womens' teams for 2011 will play in Division 1, 3 and 6 - gradings for the women's teams is on Wednesday 12th & 19th January 7pm at Harris Avenue.

Teams available for all ages, boys and girls, from 3 years (Squirts) to under 18.

SIGN ON DAYS

Sign On for both Junior and Senior players will be on Saturday 29th January 9am-2pm and Sunday 30th January 10am-2pm.

For further information please visit our website www.narangbaunitedsoccerclub.com.au

Indoor taste sparks O'Flaherty rep bid

HOCKEY: Dayboro's Ryan O'Flaherty could get used to state representative hockey.

The talented Ferny Grove State High School student helped Queensland to a grand final placing at the under-15 indoor national championships in Wollongong last weekend.

And later this year, he will have a chance to make the outdoor hockey team as well.

"I have never made an outdoor Queensland side before, so it would be great," he said.

Queensland finished third on the ladder at the six-day championship after register-

ing five wins from eight preliminary matches.

They then beat Victoria 7-3 in the semi-final before falling 4-1 to the undefeated NSW outfit in the tournament decider.

"It was a good tournament, high quality," O'Flaherty said. "It was pretty amazing – the preparation and the skill of the players from other states."

The outdoor under-15 state championships will be held from July 4-8 in Mackay.

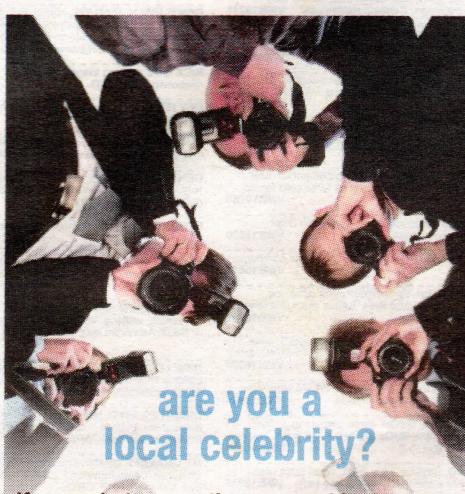
The under-18 indoor national championships started in Adelaide last week.

Sign-on soon

NETBALL: The Pine Hills Netball Club hopes to continue last year's fun and successful season when sign-on starts next weekend.

Club president Jenny Fraser, who is celebrating her tenth year at the club, said numbers had been strong in recent years.

The sign-on will be held on January 29 at the Bunya Sports Club, James Drysdale Reserve, 9am-3pm. Contact Jenny on 0416 111 073 or 3351 1131. Grading begins in February and fixtures start in March



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CYCLING LAKESIDE

If the weather permits it, Lakeside Raceway will once again be packed with cyclists this weekend, for the last of a two-week criterium series at the track. Hamilton Pine Rivers Wheelers will host the event.



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Clinics on course

GOLF: Caboolture Golf Club will hold a number of clinics this month for juniors and ladies. The junior school holiday clinic is on January 18, 2-5pm. The clinic costs \$20, includes a bottle of water and snacks. A beginner ladies clinic, and four holes, will be run every Thursday, 9.30-10.20am (clinic) and a 10.30am tee-off for the four-holes. Cost is \$17 and bookings are essential. Caboolture Golf Club will have a junior sign-on day on January 25, from 3.30-4.30pm. Cost is \$25, including golf membership. Weekend clinics for juniors and ladies are also coming to the club soon. For more information, phone the pro shop on 5495 1911.

Festival invite

NETBALL: Netballers nationwide have been encouraged to join thousands of players from Australia and New Zealand in the Netfest event on the Gold Coast September 8-11.

The carnival will be held at the end of the regular netball season for both countries and is open to female and male players of all levels aged 18 and over.

Netball Australia CEO Kate Palmer said Netfest was expected to become an annual event, with competitors taking part in a round-robin competition across indoor, outdoor and beach netball.

Almost 3000 people are expected for the first instalment this year. Visit www.netfest.com for more information.

Striking it rich

SOFTBALL: Softball Australia's Strike Out Breast Cancer event has been declared a success after the initiative raised more than \$10,500 for the National Breast Cancer Fund recently.

Held in Melbourne during round 2 of the Gilley's Shield competition prior to the New Year, it raised much needed funds and awareness for breast cancer nationally.

Despite weather hampering much of the competition, players and spectators gave generously.

Softball Australia thanked all local businesses, volunteers, teams and officials for supporting the campaign.

Coach appeal

BASEBALL: Baseball Queensland is seeking coaches for the under-23 nationals and provincial championships. Both teams need a head coach, pitching coach and two assistant coaches. The under-23 squad plays April 23-26, while the provincial championship team plays from April 23-30.

All applicants should forward their application, with proof of accreditation, proof of blue card and proof of experience to Andy Utting at andyutt@aol.com. Applications close on 28 January 2011. For more information, visit www.qld.baseball.com.au.

Ashes re-lit

CRICKET: Residents disappointed with the official Ashes result can hope for a better outcome at the North Lakes Ashes at Woodside Playing Fields on January 23. The annual match, in its fifth year, is tied at two-all. This year, first time Australian captain Adam Beyon hopes to lead his team to victory but English captain Matt Orpwood is also after the title. First ball will be at 10am with 35 overs to a side.

Karate academy opens

MARTIAL ARTS: After five years of teaching martial arts in Redcliffe and North Lakes, Sean Buchanan will open North Lakes' first dedicated martial arts facility, the Traditional Korean Karate Academy. With his wife Daphne, Mr Buchanan teaches tang so do, a 2000-year-old Korean martial art. Mr Buchanan has hundreds of students in the Moreton Bay region and with the opening of the new facility, has space to take 100 more. Visit the Traditional Korean Karate Academy behind Ultratune on Flinders Pde, North Lakes or phone 0416 149 066.

NRL challenge

RUGBY LEAGUE: Rugby league fans can play selector as the final round of All Stars voting gets underway.

A short-list of 64 players has been selected from the 16 NRL clubs to take on the Indigenous All Stars at Skilled Park, Gold Coast on February 12.

Visit www.nrl.com/allstars to vote. Voting closes January 27.

ANATOMY OF A CHAMPION

Name: Nick Sale

Sport: Cricket

Position: Left-hand opening batsman

Age: 16

Suburb: Clear Mountain

SPORT SNAPSHOT

What's your earliest memory of cricket?

Everyone just swarmed around the ball when someone hit it. You don't remember too much.

What was your junior club?

Albany Creek.

Who is your favourite player?

Michael Hussey. He plays the game very well and he used to open the batting too.

Do you have a piece of advice you play the game by?

Not really. I know that if I face 100 balls I'll score 50 most times and I'll be doing well. The more time you spend out in the middle the better you'll get.

Who has helped you to get to this point?

Rick Heilbronn from Premier Cricket Centre has helped me a lot, Terry Bowler, Michael Mainhardt (Norths coach), Glen Carey, Jon Hopes and all of the Norths coaches and probably my dad (Charlie) too.

What part of your game would you like to improve?

I get a lot of starts and I guess that's good but I haven't been turning my starts into big scores.

Why do you like opening the batting?

I prefer opening because you don't have to wait to go out to bat.

What are your future goals?

To one day play for Queensland but this year I want to make a hundred in third grade and win a premiership.



Team spirit

FUNDRAISING: The National Rugby League and Queensland Rugby League have joined forces to donate \$100,000 to support the rebuilding of grassroots rugby league clubs devastated by flooding throughout Queensland.

NRL CEO David Gallop and QRL managing director Ross Livermore encouraged the public to dig deep for flood appeals.

Gala day plans

CROQUET: The Bribie Island Croquet Club will host two gala days in early February, after a popular 2010 event. The days will be on February 12-13. Doubles teams will play six 50-minute games. Cost for teams is \$12 and winners of the day will be presented with prizes. Both days will also include an afternoon tea raffle and lucky door prize. Visit www.croquetqld.org.

Field redemption

SOCER: Melissa Feuerriegel picked a sublime way to break her W-League goal-scoring duck against Adelaide United last weekend.

Former Peninsula Power player Feuerriegel scored a brace in the 7-1 thrashing and helped to teammate and Australian under-17 player Tara Andrews to one of her five goals.

Feuerriegel's first W-League goal came in the 23rd minute and put the Jets up 1-0. She followed that goal with another in the 51st minute and Andrews scored the rest in between.

Peninsula Power president Craig Feuerriegel said the goals had been a relief for his daughter, given she had been held scoreless in six games.

Store point

ATHLETICS: Caboolture Little Athletics have been presented with the keys to their new storage sheds and toilet blocks, ensuring they can store equipment away from low-lying, flood-prone areas.

Caboolture Little Athletics will also have spotlights on the new building, which spokeswoman Bernadette Lowrie said would benefit the athletics at Friday night meets.

Caboolture Little Athletics will return for 2011 season tonight, from 6pm, weather permitting.

Nominations for the Suncoast Regional Individual Track/Field Championships held on February 5-6 at Sippy Downs, close on January 21.

These Championships double as a qualification for the State Championships in March.

Karate boost

MARTIAL ARTS: A new freestyle Korean Karate Academy has opened at Caboolture Showgrounds. Freestyle Korean Karate Academy is the martial art-based on Traditional Tae Kwon-Do with theories and practices from Hapkido and Aikido.

The Academy was founded in 1985 in Redcliffe by David Dauth who holds a 6th Degree Black Belt.

Students learn control, balance and technique through traditional forms, self-defence and sparring.

Classes run on Monday and Wednesday nights, 6.30-8pm. Children's classes start soon 5 - 6 p.m. Visit www.performancetrainingcentre.com.au.

Cup berth locked

CRICKET: Sandgate-Redcliffe Cricket Club secured their Tom Veivers Cup semi-final place following a win over Valley District Cricket Club on Saturday.

The Gators, led by captain Nathan Rimmington backing up from a win with Queensland the previous night, restricted Valley to 8-105 from 20 overs.

With rain looming, opening batsmen Leigh McLauchlan and Corey Barsby made a steady start with a first-innings partnership of 56 before the side lost two quick wickets.

When the rain came after 11 overs, Sandgate-Redcliffe were 2-74, which was enough for a win via the Duckworth-Lewis method.

The two-day competition resumes this weekend.

Ball deal sealed

NETBALL: Sporting manufacturer Gilbert has become the official netball supplier to Netball Queensland, from January 2011.

The three-year deal will see Gilbert merchandise used in the Holden Cruze Cup, Queensland State League, Schweppes Challenge and Ergon Energy Academy competitions.

"It is great to be affiliated with such an iconic sports brand," Netball Queensland CEO Cameron O'Hara said.

Gilbert brand manager Cameron Black said the partnership created "a mutual synergy with great potential for moving netball in Queensland to the next level".

Junior pride

TENNIS: TENNIS Matchpoint Tennis star Lachlan Ferguson had promising results at the Optus 12s Australian Championships recently, finishing seventh in the singles event and eighth in the doubles event. Mother Susan said the 13-year-old had also picked up valuable experience working with the stringing team at the Brisbane International and talking to the tennis professionals.

Race career put on hold

NICK BERRETT
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MOTOR SPORT: Brendale drag racer Steve Reed said he was unsure whether his wife would continue competitive driving after her high-speed crash this month.

Debbie Reed continues to rest following her qualifying crash in her Allstar Batteries Top Alcohol dragster during round one of the 2011 New Year Series at Willowbank Raceway.

The incident occurred after the 51-year-old grandmother-to-be, who has more than 30 years of drag racing experience, crossed the finish line during her first qualifying run in the Top Alcohol category. "Debbie and I haven't spoken yet about whether she wants to continue driving but, over the next couple of months, we will assess the situation and discuss things as a family and find out where to go from here," Steve said.

"After we assess what we can salvage from the crashed vehicle,

we will assess where we are from here and we will talk about it."

After crossing the finish line at 360 km/h, Debbie's 3000-horsepower machine hit both walls then flipped several times before coming to rest in the drag strip's braking area, where she was immediately attended to by on-track medical services.

"By looking at the footage, it seems like Debbie's car has turned to the right, which she has corrected left and contacted the retaining wall," said Steve.

"The front of the car broke off, which is what it is designed to do, it careered over into the other lane and hit the wall before rolling to a stop in the braking area against the fence."

Steve had been involved in a crash in January 2009, but said the sight of his wife's out-of-control car was harder to be a part of.

"I've been involved in different instances myself, but it's probably harder when it's a loved one," Steve said.



REST TIME: Steve Reed and his wife, Debbie of Reed Racing, will assess the fallout from Debbie's crash.

BANDITS ROLL ON

The Brisbane Bandits/Canberra Cavalry game was postponed on Wednesday. Further updates are available at www.qld.baseball.com.au. At the time of publication, the rest of the series was to go ahead as scheduled.



SPOTTING TALENT

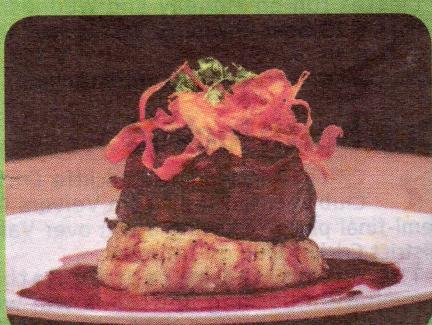
North Lakes Leopards rugby club will hold sign on days on January 29-30 and February 5-6, at Kinsellas Oval, Memorial Drive, North Lakes. The Leopards will also hold a coach "get to know you" day on February 12. Visit www.northlakesrugby.com.



What's On at Caboolture Sports Club



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Monday Nights - Kids Eat Free

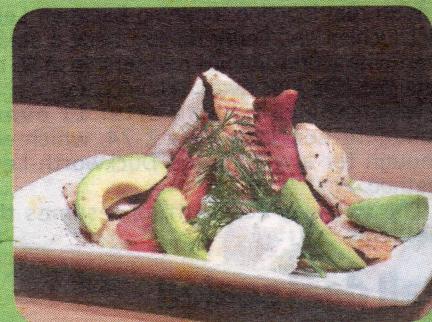
Kids Eat Free every Monday night when you purchase any adult's main meal from The Bistro, 5.30pm - 8pm.

Tuesday Nights - Members 30% Off

Members receive 30% off the regular member's price on all main meals at The Bistro or 30% off all Pizzas at Fusion Pizza Cafe.

Wednesday Nights - Two for One

Every Wednesday get any two meals from the Daily Specials menu for just \$14.90 for members or \$16.90 for Non members.



Thursday Nights - Beefed Up Thursday

Grain fed 250g sirloin or 250g rib fillet plus either a schooner of Heineken, glass of Jacobs Creek or soft drink all for just \$14.90

Friday & Saturday - Specials Night

Choose from our Specials Menu starting from just \$10.90 for members

Sunday Nights - Sunday Roast

Selection of roasts and other specials just \$12.90 for members or \$13.90 for non members.

\$2,000 Member's Giveaway



This Sunday 16th January from 7pm
All \$2,000 Cash Must be Won!!

Members Must Sign in Before 6.50pm

Simply sign in on the members register before 6.50pm this Sunday for a chance to win!

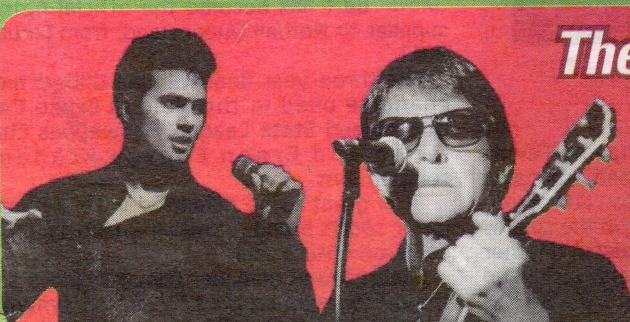
Draws commence from 7pm.



Discomania

FREE SHOW
Friday 28th January

Featuring a 10-piece band covering over 30 classics from the 70's & Disco era!
Including support act from 8pm



The Big O & Elvis Spectacular

FREE SHOW THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

Featuring the internationally acclaimed Gary Fontana as Elvis and the Athol Matcham with the range, look and sound of the Big O in this double tribute show!

Show commences from 8pm in the Showroom



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